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support from other sections, *e. g.*, those dealing with chemistry, physics, geology, and geography, in all of which, as well as in zoology, investigations are required which could be undertaken by such an expedition. The general committee of the association recommended the council to appoint an expert committee to prepare a program of work and to consider the personnel and apparatus required.

At its last two meetings the Pacific Division of the American Association has given special attention to deep-sea investigations and further emphasis was placed on the subject by the Pan-Pacific Conference held last month at Honolulu. It would be desirable in the present international situation for the United States to cooperate with Great Britain and its Dominions in a thorough scientific exploration of the seas.

SCIENTIFIC ITEMS

WE record with regret the deaths of Joseph Paxon Iddings, formerly geologist of the United States Geological Survey and professor of petrology in the University of Chicago; Samuel Mills Tracy, agronomist of the United States Department of Agriculture; Dr. Walter Faxon, until recently in charge of mollusca and crustacea in the Museum of Comparative Zoology of Harvard University; Ellis L. Michael, zoologist of the Scripps Institution for Biological Research of the University of California; Benjamin Smith Lyman, geologist and mining engineer of Philadelphia; John Percy, professor of mathematics at the Royal College of Science, London; Sir Norman Lockyer, director of the Solar Physics Observatory, London, and editor of *Nature* from its establishment over fifty years ago, and Wilhelm Wundt, professor of philosophy at the University of Leipzig, where he established the first laboratory of psychology.

DR. GEORGE ELLERY HALE, director of the Mount Wilson Observatory, has been elected one of the twelve foreign members of the Società Italiana delle Scienze, in succession to the late Lord Rayleigh.—Professor Raymond Pearl, of the Johns Hopkins University, has been decorated by the King of Italy as Knight of the Crown of Italy.—Professor R. Roux, director of the Pasteur Institute at Paris, has been awarded by the United States government the Distinguished Service Medal for especially meritorious and distinguished service which was of great consequence to the American Expeditionary Forces.

COLONEL F. F. RUSSELL has resigned from the Medical Corps, U. S. Army, to take charge of the newly organized Division of Public Health Laboratories of the International Health Board of the Rockefeller Foundation.—Dr. Charles Hubbard Judd, head of the department of education of the University of Chicago and director of the school of education, has been made chairman of the department of psychology to succeed Professor James R. Angell, who resigned to accept the presidency of the Carnegie Corporation of New York.

YALE UNIVERSITY has received from an unnamed graduate a gift of \$3,000,000 to the general endowment of the university, contingent upon additional gifts of \$2,000,000 by next January, exclusive of those through the alumni university fund. The gift is made to meet increased faculty salaries.—Cornell University has received a gift of \$500,000 from Mr. August Heckscher, of New York City, for the endowment of research. The income of the fund created by Mr. Heckscher's gift will be used to maintain research professorships and to provide facilities for scientific work.